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Marine Air Control Group 18
1st Marine Aircraft Wing
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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Air Control Group 18

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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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Command Chronology Report

2d Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion
Marine Air Control Group 18
First Marine Aircraft Wing

Located at

Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam

1 June 1968 to 30 June 1968

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PART I. Organizational Data

1. Commanders and Staff

a. Donald E. GUNTHER Battalion Commanding Officer	LtCol USMC 9 Feb 1968 to present
b. Harry J. BALDWIN Battalion Executive Officer	Major USMCR 9 Feb 1968 to present
c. Lowell W. HINES Battalion S-1	1stLt USMCR 28 Feb 1968 to present
d. Richard C. YEZZI Battalion S-2/S-3	Major USMC 19 Feb 1968 to present
e. John V. WALSH Battalion S-4	Major USMC 12 Mar 1968 to present
f. Norman P. BOURRE H&S Battery Commanding Officer	Captain USMCR 2 May 1968 to present
g. Thomas R. SNEAD Battery A Commanding Officer	Captain USMCR 11 April 1968 to present
h. Frank J. D'AGOSTINO Battery B Commanding Officer	1stLt USMCR 8 May 1968 to present
i. James K. CRONEY Battery C Commanding Officer	Captain USMCR 6 May 1968 to present

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

- a. No task organization.
- b. Battery A, 2d Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion, Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam, 10 September 1965 to present.
- c. Battery B, 2d Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion, Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam, 10 September 1965 to present.
- d. Battery C, 2d Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion, Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam, 10 September 1965 to present.
- e. H&S Battery, 2d Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion, Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam, 15 September 1965 to present.

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3. Average Monthly Strength

- a. Battery A 88
- b. Battery B 88
- c. Battery C 82
- d. H&S Battery 306

4. Important Visitors. LtCol JOHNSON, Executive Officer, MACG-18 and LtCol DOPLER, MACG-18 S-3, visited the Command from 26-27 June 1968.

PART II. Significant Highlights.

In the past month enemy helicopters have been operating in and around the DMZ, above Dong Ha. The 1st Marine Air Wing has become deeply concerned over the threat. The Air Force Combat Reporting Post (CRP) located at Dong Ha has been unable to detect or control aircraft to intercept the helicopters because their radars are unable to paint them at the altitudes they are flying. The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing directed that 2d LAAM Bn conduct a series of tests to determine if the Acquisition and tracking radars in the LAAM Bn inventory could in fact detect, acquire and pass position information with sufficient accuracy to the CRP to allow airborne interceptors to destroy the threat.

To the above end, on 26 and 27 June 1968, the Battalion embarked on a series of tests to determine the feasibility of utilizing the Pulse Acquisition Radar, Continuous Wave Acquisition Radar and Continuous Wave Illuminator Radar in conjunction with the Battery Control Central to detect and acquire low flying helicopters and fighter interceptors. The position plots of the helicopters and fighter interceptors were passed from the BCC over land lines to the AAOC in geographic references coordinates (GEO REF), and were placed on the Vertical Plotting Board. A qualified Air Controller used the information from the plotting board to conduct the intercept. In the first test, four A-4's were utilized to attempt the intercept. The intercept information was fed to the lead A-4, the remaining three A-4's were two to three miles in trail of the lead A-4. The idea was to close the lead A-4 with the target and on command from the AAOC to drop illumination flares. The trail A-4's were then to close the illuminated helicopter, identify it and destroy it with rockets/20mm guns. The results of this test pointed out that the HAWK Radars are capable of detecting helicopters and fighter aircraft at low altitudes (1000 feet at 30 miles) and reporting the information with sufficient accuracy to complete an airborne intercept. Six attempts were made to illuminate the helicopter, on four occasions the helicopter reported that the flares were all around him at a distance of about 500 yards. The in-trail A-4's were unable to see the helicopter although the helicopter pilot reported seeing the A-4's.

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A second test was conducted utilizing the same reporting and plotting procedures to control A-6's. The A-6 was vectored to the helicopter and then utilized its internal radar to acquire and lock on the target. Three out of four intercepts were successful, acquisitions and lock ranges varied between 7 and 19 miles.

The tests concluded that the principal of reporting plot information from HAWK Radars to the AAOC or CRP is sufficiently accurate to conduct an airborne intercept with information taken from a vertical plotting board. The test further showed that the A-4 dropping flares could not adequately illuminate the target to identify and destroy it. The second portion of the test pointed out that the A-6 is capable of locking on and intercepting the helicopter with intercept information provided from the AAOC.

On 24 June 1968 a reconnaissance of the Dong Ha area was conducted by 2d LAAM Bn. A position collocated with the Air Force CRP was selected. Battery B, 2d LAAM Bn stands ready to move out on order with a Low Altitude Detection Unit, consisting of a PULSE ACQ, CWAR, CWIR, BCC and necessary support equipment and personnel to provide low altitude detection and to report plot information to the CRP for the conduct of low altitude airborne intercepts.

PART III. Significant Events

1. Personnel

a. On 1 June 1968 GySgt J.O. GLENN 1659932 was promoted to his present rank.

b. On 11 June 1968 H&S Battery promoted 8 personnel to Sergeant to rank from 1 June 1968.

c. During the month of July 3 individuals were promoted to Lance Corporal, one to Corporal, and one to Private First Class all to rank from 1 June 1968.

d. Battery C had 4 individuals promoted to Lance Corporal and one to Sergeant.

e. Battery B promoted 2 personnel to Lance Corporal and one to Corporal.

f. On 10 June 1968 SSgt L.L. HOLLISTER Jr. 1419372 reenlisted for a period of six years.

g. GySgt M.K. BUNNEL 1070198 of Battery C reenlisted for a period of two years.

h. Cpl J.P. CROCKETT 2140788, LCpl R. BOUDREAU 2239377, and Cpl D.W. WATSON 2168188 of Battery C extended their overseas tours for a period of six months.

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i. Sgt K.W. PHILLIPS, Sgt D.H. WALTERS, Sgt A. AQUIRRE, Sgt J.R. MILLER and Cpl R.M. FREEMAN received good conduct medals during the month of June.

j. The following personnel joined the Battalion during the month of June:

Capt R.S. NAUGHTEN 082838/6702
1stLt T.T. BEAN 095309/6704
1stLt G.J. DIMATTEO Jr. 0100183/6704

k. During the month of June the following personnel were hospitalized:

Pvt S.E. ERSSEN
LCpl A. R. BRUNELLE
Cpl L. L. WILLIAMSON
LCpl G. D. HABERKORN
WO-1 K. SWEETEN
GySgt M.K. BUNNEL

l. On 6 June 1968 1stSgt R.E. SAYERS was sent TAD to Japan to have a certain drug analyzed.

m. On 23 June 1968 PFC R.L. PAGE 2410779 was sent TAD to Supply School at Camp Hansen, Okinawa.

n. On 1 June 1968 Cpl D.G. CONDREAY 2277520 went TAD to Embarkation School at Camp Hansen, Okinawa.

o. LCpl C.F. HENDRIX 2248951 was sent TAD to NCO Leadership School at Camp Hansen, Okinawa.

2. Civil Affairs

a. A sewing machine, obtained by Wing Civil Affairs from CARE, was presented to Mrs. Truong Thi Quyen of Hoa Thuan Hamlet. Her husband a popular forces volunteer was killed during a Viet Cong attack on Ky Hoa island. Since that time other families in the area have helped support her and her 4 children.

b. Construction materials consisting of sixty bags of cement and discarded dunnage materials were given to the village chief of Hoa Trung Hamlet to aid in the building of a 2 room clinic.

c. Chaplain TRAWICK has initiated plans for the construction of a prayer room at Hoa My Hamlet. Materials have been provided to assist the Vietnamese in its construction. The chaplain holds Sunday services on the island of Ky Hoa for all interested Vietnamese.

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d. Plans are underway for the construction of two wells and a shower unit at the An Binh Hamlet.

e. Since the last report the Civic Action Team has completed 65% of the road project on Ky Hoa island. At the present time Hoa Long Hamlet is working on its section. The Vietnamese have shown remarkable initiative with regards to the project.

f. The chaplain distributed 620 bars of soap during the month.

g. 1140 Vietnamese were treated during the month of June by MED CAP teams on island of Ky Hoa.

3. Motor Transportation. A total of 30,260 miles were driven in support of 2d LAAM Bn for the month of June. In addition 1637 miles were driven in support of the Chu Lai base. A grand total of 3113 short tons were hauled during the month.

4. Education

a. Battery A 27%

b. Battery B 55%

c. Battery C 36%

d. H&S Battery 37%

e. Composite Percentage 38%

5. Intelligence. Five intelligence briefings were conducted for the Commanding Officer, Staff and Battery Commanders. Briefings were also conducted for the Staff NCO's and enlisted marines of the Battalion.

6. Training. Battalion personnel during the month of June received instruction on such topics as: Security of Classified Information, M-60 and M-14 Weapons, Map Reading, Lessons Learned in RVN, Field Fortifications, Personal Response, Code of Conduct and Moral Guidance.

7. Construction and Engineering

a. The Supply warehouse was completed during the month of June. At present the section is in the process to moving all its equipment and material into the building.

b. A fresh water well is being dug in the motor transport area of H&S Battery. When completed this should greatly facilitate and enhance

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water conditions within the Battalion.

c. Battery A personnel in collaboration with individuals from 9th Engineers are building a new mess hall at their site. Completion is anticipated during the month of July.

8. NBC Warfare. Monitor Survey, Decontamination, and Control Center Training was conducted at MAG-13 by the Wing NBC Staff during the month of June.

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